

# Totoli language

**Totoli** (also known as **Tolitoli**) is a Sulawesi language of the Austronesian language family spoken by 25,000 people of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

## Grammar

### Voice

Totoli has a symmetrical voice system.<sup>[3]</sup> In the examples below, *i Winarno mongusut kunji motorna* is an actor voice construction, while *kunji itu kusuti i Winarno.* is an undergoer voice construction.

*i Winaro moN-kusut kunji motor=na*<sup>[3]:1</sup>  
 HON PN AV-look.for key scooter=3S.GEN  
 'Winarno is looking for the keys of his scooter.'

*kunji itu kusut-i i Winaro*<sup>[3]:1</sup>  
 key DIST look.for-UV2 HON PN  
 'The keys are being looked for by Winarno.'

The syntactic pivot can be placed before the predicate, as shown:

*gaukan no-gutu ponguman itu*<sup>[4]:142</sup>  
 king AV.RLS-make story DIST  
 'The king made this announcement.'

*kopi ia ni-pogutu i Andris*<sup>[4]:143</sup>  
 coffee PRX RLS(UG)-make PN Andrew  
 'Andrew made this coffee.'

Totoli	
<b>Native to</b>	parts of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia
<b>Native speakers</b>	25,000 (2001) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Malayo-Polynesian (MP)</li> <li>▪ Celebic</li> <li>▪ Tomini-Tolitoli ?</li> <li>▪ Tolitoli</li> <li>▪ <b>Totoli</b></li> </ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	txe
<b>Glottolog</b>	<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/toto1304">toto1304</a> (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/toto1304) <sup>[2]</sup>

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